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Accessory apartment ordinance fails to gain passage

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AGAWAM – Agawam City Councilors earlier this month rejected an update to the accessory apartment ordinance.

The 7-3 vote to turn away an amended version leaves the currently bylaw as is, and accessory, also sometimes known as “in-law” apartments are not allowed.

The updated ordinance would have allowed the accessory apartments to be built and used by

immediate family members of owner-occupied and single-family homes in town.

Councilor Robert Rossi raised the biggest concerns about the possibility of discriminating against the ability to have other people occupy the apartments by virtue of limiting them to just the immediate family members.

“How would that situation even be enforced,” said Rossi, who described the situation as a “hornet’s nest.”

Rossi also suggested if the up-

date to the ordinance was simply to allow for grown children to return to their parents’ home with their separate space, then there were other ways to deal with that situation, such as finishing a basement or installing additional bathrooms. He also said putting a 900-square foot addition to a home in Agawam would not blend well in town.

Rossi’s view was opposed by Councilor Mario Tedeschi, who believed the town needed to address the issue.

He did express some issues with the possibility that Agawam residents could utilize an accessory apartment for something like an AirBnB. That concept was also brought up Councilor Cecilia Calabrese, though those addresses could be made known by seeing them on the website and the town could track them.

One councilor said installing a separate living space, which includes a separate kitchen and bathroom, would lead to residents wanting to rent the spaces

out to cover the expense once a family member moves out or moves on.

Mayor William Sapelli, along with Council President Christopher Johnson, were in favor of the ordinance. The ordinance came from the mayor’s office. They contended accessory apartment were already throughout town and are currently illegal. Johnson believed legalizing them would allow the town to keep them regulated and keep track of them.

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Girls volleyball concludes



Taryn Crowley serves the ball during Agawam High School girls volleyball’s final game against Westfield on Nov. 10. More photos on page 9. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

School administration, union agree on new metrics for COVID-19 cases

By Shelby Macri
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AGAWAM – When the Agawam schools abruptly shut down due to a rise in case numbers, the teachers and parents were unprepared. In the Nov. 5 meeting, Superintendent Shelia Hoffman spoke to the School Committee about new guidelines that she and the teachers union president came up with.

When Hoffman made the decision to close schools recently, she and Board of Health Director Kathy Auer cited a cluster of cases that increased the schools’ numbers to rise due to metrics that

the school agreed to follow. There were eight cases in a school community of 4,500 individuals; but because of the metrics the school abided by it.

“If you took that number alone it probably wouldn’t have gone back, but we had a metric that we were forced to follow as we agreed upon,” Mayor William Sapelli said in the meeting. “We need to look at the metric and change it to better apply.” The administration and the union realized that there was a flawed metric and they quickly met to work out better language for a change or pivot in learning models.

The Agawam Education Asso-

ciation showed support in finding a new metric that will better fit the school community. Members of the association, the union president, and Hoffman met to create an addendum regarding the ways and reasoning of changing school models during this time. The new metric of addendum B includes reasons and guidelines for a pivot in models.

It includes a requirement that the district and union will negotiate all change from one model to another, and the staff will be given at least 48 hours notice of any transition back to in person learning, the same notice goes for

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Food Bank of Western Mass anticipates winter rush

Monte’s March Nov. 23 and 24 will raise money for meals

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

HATFIELD – At all times of the year, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts serves as an invaluable community resource. With temperatures plummeting and COVID-19 case counts rising on a regional scale, the Hatfield facility enters the winter prepared to play a more crucial role than it ever has before.

“It is a challenge, but we do have a warehouse full of food,” said Lillian Baulding, the Food Bank’s communications and engagement officer. “We have done a lot of pivoting since COVID started and are meeting the needs. The entire team has pitched in. A lot of people are doing work that they weren’t doing before. They’re taking on extra assignments, and it’s



The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has been making a difference throughout the region since 1982. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the facility its greatest challenge. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

just getting done.”

The Food Bank distributes much needed food to member agencies spread throughout Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Established in 1982, the Food Bank serves dozens of indepen-

dent pantries, meal sites, shelters and food assistance programs in western Massachusetts. The operation is a member of Feeding America, a national network of more than 200 food banks.

During the pandemic, the Food Bank serves dozens of indepen-

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Positions open for ZBA

AGAWAM – Please be advised that there are two openings on the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 2021. The openings are for one regular position and one alternate position. Interested parties should contact Barbara Bard in the City Council Office at 726-9716 or send in a letter of interest to bbard@agawam.ma.us by Dec. 14, 2020.



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Six Flags planning holiday event

AGAWAM – The most wonderful time of the year kicks off on select nights starting November 27 with Holiday in the Park Lights! We will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Holiday in the Park Lights will feature a one-way path with more than one million dazzling lights, beautifully adorned Christmas trees and an extraordinary synchronized light display. Holiday in the Park Lights jingles weekends and select days this holiday season and reservations are required! All guests will review our enhanced safety opening procedures while making their reservations online. While the property's world-class rides and attractions will remain closed for the 2020 season, Six Flags New England is thrilled to welcome guests back to the park and warm their hearts this holiday season on this whimsical light trail that is over one mile long!

Tickets are only \$19.99 of free of charge to Members and Season Pass Holders

Holiday in the Park Lights is free of charge to all Members and Season Pass holders. Or enjoy single-day tickets for \$19.99.

We are following direction from the CDC and local officials and are operating at a limited capacity. It's very important that you make an advance reservation; failure to do so will deny entry to the park.

Go to www.sixflags.com/reserve and follow these steps:

- Find your park
- Select your ticket

Be sure to purchase parking (as it won't be available to purchase at the park. Members and Pass holders with free parking are all set)

Select your date and time

Checkout and you're done.

We are so excited to see you and appreciate your cooperation as we regulate new protocols during these times.



Six Flags normally has a holiday event, but it will be modified this year due to the pandemic. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



There will be Lights in the Parks beginning Nov. 27.

Warm Wishes From Our Family to Yours at Thanksgiving

As we gather around with family and friends this holiday, we offer up thanks for the many blessings that make life meaningful. Gifts like friendship, love, health and prosperity make us especially grateful, and we hope you enjoy these same blessings in abundance at this special time of year and always.

We're so grateful to be a part of this wonderful community, and we thank you for your valued business. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Public invited to give input on block grant projects

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AGAWAM – The Planning and Community Development Department conducted a performance hearing for the ongoing Community Development Block Grant Programs. The virtual hearing was held Nov. 18 and allowed for public comment regarding the projects.

A representative from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Chris Dunphy discussed that the ongoing projects are going well and the CDBG still has funds available for businesses that are interested. The grant is a federally funded program that is designed to help cities and towns meet a range of community needs.

The CDBG funds can help with housing rehabilitation programs and will serve low income home and businesses.

Planning and Community Development Director, Marc Strange and Dunphy discussed ongoing projects that the current FY18 and FY19 funds are going towards. Including housing rehabilitation, roof im-

provements, Microenterprise assistance, and other planning initiatives for Brady Village.

The town additionally received another CDBG through the Federal Cares Act, this will provide more Microenterprise assistance to qualified small businesses in Agawam and Southwick. The Cares Act funding is also supporting the Community Food Pantry in Southwick. For more information on this additional funding people can call Pioneer Valley Planning Commission at 413-781-6045 or they can contact Dunphy at cdunphy@pvpc.org

The performance hearing was conducted over Zoom and both Dunphy and Strange encouraged people to ask questions or make comments if they had any. The hearing was to receive feedback for the ongoing projects and is a mandatory step that needs to be held while projects are ongoing. There were not any questions during the hearing but Dunphy encouraged people to contact him or Pioneer Valley Planning Commission if they had questions later on.

Grange holding Holiday Bazaar

AGAWAM – Community Grange #382 of Feeding Hills will hold their Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills. All proceeds will benefit the building fund and the public is invited to attend. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available.

New Bishop blesses new church preschool

AGAWAM – Bishop-elect William Byrne blessed the new preschool in Agawam at St. John the Evangelist Church. Byrne traveled from Baltimore over to Agawam on Monday to participate in the blessing. The In the Beginning preschool provides kindergarten readiness to children ages 3 and 4-years-old. Sharing Christian hope within a Catholic parish, students are empowered to be critical thinkers, obtain a nurturing spirit, and draw close in relationship with Jesus Christ. Children will develop socially, emotionally, cognitively, physically, and spiritually.

Grant application deadline extended

AGAWAM – With a mandate to distribute state monies via a grants process, the Agawam Cultural Council is seeking grant requests from local community-oriented programs in arts, humanities and sciences in need of funding. The Agawam Cultural Council FY2021 grant season started Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 and has been extended to Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 as the post-mark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that may support or provide cultural activities for the Agawam community. According to Council spokesperson Bob Kadis, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Agawam -- including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in the schools, workshops, lectures or historical interpretation.

Notably, the Council also encourages funding requests from schools and youth groups to cover ticket and transportation costs for field trips for school-age children.

For more information, Local Guidelines and FAQ's can be found at this site: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> by clicking on the "Council Priorities" tab.

Information about the ACC's Grants program can also be found on the ACC's own website at: agawamcc.org.

The FY2021 allocation amount has not been determined as of this writing. But what we do know there is \$3,300 of unencumbered funds left over from the FY2020 grant season. The MCC FY2021 allocation plus the unencumbered funds will make up the total grant amount for FY2021. The total grant amount will be posted on our website when we know it. Note, the MCC FY2020 allocation was \$17,200.00 and when added to the FY2019 \$615.00 unencumbered funds made for an available total grant amount of \$17,815.00 for FY2020.

If you have questions about the online application process, you may contact the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Lisa Simmons at 617-858-2707 or at lisa.simmons@state.ma.us -- or ACC chair Bob Kadis, at 413-789-4814 or at r.kadis@comcast.net.

An online application process will become available Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. The Agawam Cultural Council will not accept paper applications. To apply for a grant, please visit: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> and click "Apply Now."

Library waiting to help

The Agawam Library is here for you. Check out what we're offering for kids, teens, and their families. If you need something to do: Check out <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> OR <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/> for free events & activities to help keep you busy, and happy. If you need something to read: Make an appointment to browse the collection OR request books to be held for you with the C/W Mars app OR call 413-789-1550 ext. 3. We can help you. If you need something to watch or listen to: Check out our streaming services found at: <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/research/eb-books-streaming>

Use these services to watch movies, tv, or listen to music or audiobooks.

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College signing



Sarah Ross, an outstanding three-sport athlete at Agawam High School, signs her National Letter of Intent to participate in cross country and track & field at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. Her signing ceremony was held last Thursday afternoon at Agawam High School with her family. Ross is also the starting pitcher for Agawam softball in the spring. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Holiday workshop to be held at Storowton

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Storowton Village Museum will bring holiday cheer to you and your family with its Home for the Holidays Workshop, Saturday, December 5 in the 1794 Gilbert Farmhouse.

During this small group, hands-on workshop, create a holiday wreath to celebrate your love for your favorite furry family member, design a mason jar mini-centerpiece, using all natural items, and round out your time crafting by the crackling fire with some cocoa to-go!

"We wanted to create a safe, cozy atmosphere, to invite a couple small groups in to come and enjoy the season at the Village. We've tied holiday history to hands-on creativity and are excited to share with guests," said Jessica K. Fontaine, Director of Storowton Village Museum.

Participants will hear stories of New England holiday lore while they make their personalized winter décor. Admission to the workshop is \$45 per person, which includes the cost of all materials and instruction. There are two available sessions. The morning session will run from 10:30am – noon and the afternoon session will take

place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance on the museum's website, <https://www.storowtonvillage.com/events/2020/home-for-the-holidays>.

Workshop group sizes are limited to meet all necessary COVID-19 guidelines and follow social distancing and mask-wearing protocols. Home for the Holidays is recommended for ages 12 and older. No crafting experience necessary. Inclement weather date is Sunday, December 6.

General Tours of all museum buildings are available Tuesdays – Fridays at 11am through December 18 and tickets must be purchased in advance on the museum's website. General Tour admission is \$8 per person, under 6 free The Gilbert Farmhouse will be decorated with traditional seasonal décor through mid-December. Additional tour times available by appointment by contacting storow@thebige.com.

For more information about the Home for the Holidays Workshop, Museum Tours and pictures of sample workshop projects, visit www.storowtonvillage.com].

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Being thankful is hard this year

This year has been unprecedented in our lifetime.

The last pandemic occurred 100 years ago. I can imagine while it was bad and people were dying during it, life was a lot slower back in the 1920's, very unlike our 2020 lifestyle where everyone is moving at a mile a minute. When the pandemic hit and so many things were closed or with limited hours, and many activities halted, it brought me back to growing up in the 1980's and early 1990's, when life was not such a race.

During this pandemic, I was not immune to tragedy as I lost my aunt to cancer and a family dog.

But my story is unfortunately not unique.

Everyone has suffered this year, here and throughout our entire country and the world. We have watched life come to a screeching halt. We have lost time, jobs, and sadly in many cases, each other. We have watched people we know and love become anxious and afraid, while others are angry and resentful at the restrictions we currently face.

And we all know the things we are not thankful for.

We are not thankful that we may only be able to see our extended family for the holiday on Zoom or FaceTime. We are not thankful we cannot be at West Springfield High School to see Agawam and West Springfield football face off once again. We are not thankful we cannot emerge from our homes without being masked up and looking away from people like everyone is an outcast.

The loss of life makes this Thanksgiving tough to think of things we can be thankful for. I know I feel it, too. But here is what we can be thankful for.

We can be thankful for who we have right now. Life is short. While we have lost some loved ones, focus on the ones that are with you right now, and cherish them.

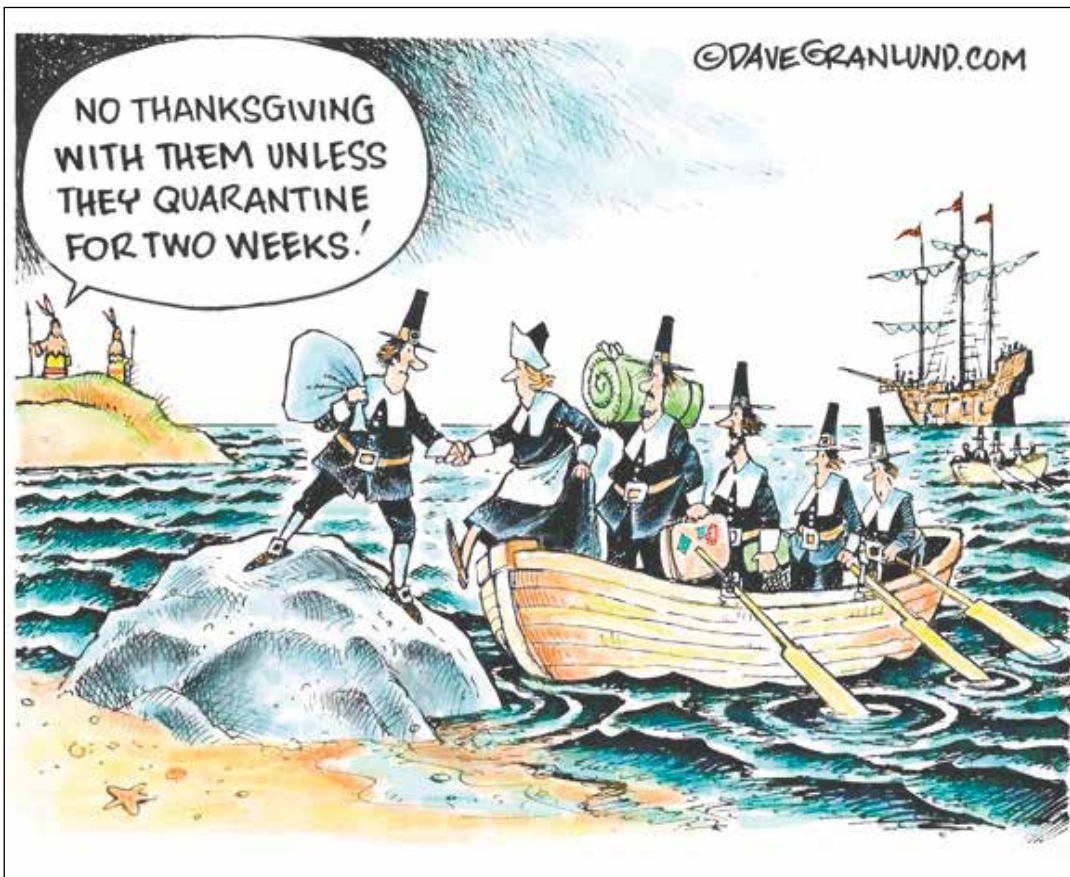
Be thankful for the ability to eat a Thanksgiving dinner, even if its only with three or four people instead of a large crowd.

Be thankful you can watch some football on TV after a large helping of turkey, although that Dallas vs. Washington game might be kind of lame. Hopefully, the turkey coma staves off until Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at night, because that game should be really good.

Be thankful, based on reports, that a vaccine for COVID-19 is in the pipeline and could roll out soon to the people who need it most, and normalcy could be around the corner from there.

Here at the Agawam Advertiser News, we are thankful to still be coming into your homes. We are thankful that we had a great fall season of sports to cover, and we are thankful for your voices and feedback every week.

To all of Agawam and your extended families, Happy Thanksgiving!



Letters to the Editor

Ordinance needed for accessory apartments

Dear Editor:

For years there have been an unknown number of unregulated accessory apartments in Agawam. There are senior citizens in town who need financial assistance to remain in their homes and in some cases help with household chores or personal care, and young people who would like to move back home with their families.

Mayor Sapelli very wisely sought to address these issues with an Accessory Apartment Ordinance for the Town. Town staff and the Planning Board worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to create an Ordinance to address these needs. The Ordinance was presented to a Council Workshop on March 10, 2020. Council objections led to multiple revisions of the Ordinance, including limiting Accessory Apartments to Immediate Family Members. The attempt to gain necessary Council approval resulted in a deeply flawed Ordinance which the Council in the end did not approve. It was a good first step, but there were multiple problems. One was that most existing accessory apartments in Agawam are not rented to immediate family members,

and property owners who went to the expense of creating accessory apartments for family members would not be able to rent them to anyone else when the family member left. Thus, the Ordinance would not realistically be enforceable. It was also unfair to older residents who needed help but did not have immediate family members who could move into an accessory apartment. Further while the Ordinance as written may not have been intentionally discriminatory, with a town population that is 95.3% white, it would disproportionately exclude people of other races and ethnicities, a potential violation of the Fair Housing Act.

The Ordinance also did not take into account the overall housing needs of the town to expand housing options to meet the needs of households of all income levels and abilities. To be clear, accessory apartments would not be affordable housing to count on the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory. But accessory apartments would benefit the town by diversifying housing choices. In Council discussion, much emphasis was placed on the possible impact on single fam-

ily houses. The preponderance of single family houses in the suburbs, dictated by zoning, is becoming widely recognized as the greatest cause of the housing shortage facing the Commonwealth. The Governor included reducing the vote requirement for zoning changes to a simple majority in his Housing Choice Bill to encourage the development of more multi-family housing. A new non-profit, Housing Forward-MA, has been formed aimed to provide tools to break down zoning barriers to the construction of affordable and middle-income housing, and multifamily housing in particular, across the state. As the negative impact of the housing crisis becomes more dramatic, while change is hard and no one likes it, changes in housing must and will come, and Agawam will not be exempt.

The reality is that we need an Accessory Apartment Ordinance for Agawam that will allow a property owner to rent their accessory unit to any qualified applicant. An Ordinance to do this needs to be put in place as soon as possible in the best interest of the town.

Sincerely,
Corinne M. Wingard

COVID-19 testing spot changed at HCC

HOLYOKE — Starting Friday, Nov. 6, the location of free drive-through COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College will shift to parking lot H near the western entrance to the Donahue Building.

The change is being made to prepare for the cold weather months, according to the Holyoke Board of Health.

Hours and days of operation will not change. Testing will continue at least through the end of December.

HCC has been serving as a "Stop the Spread" drive-through testing site since Aug. 26 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Previously, testing was conducted in parking lot

M near the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation.

Drivers are now being asked to enter the campus from Homestead Avenue, then turn left onto the Campus Road and proceed to parking lot H. There will be signs and parking attendants on site to manage the flow of traffic.

A map with the new traffic pattern and testing site location is posted on the Holyoke Board of Health website: <https://www.holyoke.org/hcc-covid-testing-site-to-change/>.

The HCC testing site is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to

7 p.m.

Information about closing due to inclement weather can be found on the Holyoke Board of Health website.

Testing is free to all Massachusetts residents and conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments and no referral is necessary.

Turnaround time for results is typically four days or fewer.

More information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the state can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>



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Agawam High School Counseling Bulletin

Visiting College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with College or University Representatives that will be conducting virtual visits at our school, you must sign up in Naviance at least one day in advance. Google Meet or Zoom links will be provided when you sign up.

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1:05 PM Stony Brook University

Reminders:
Members of the Class of 2021 should familiarize themselves with the information that has been posted to the Post-Secondary Planning section under the Counseling tab of the High School webpage. Most recently, the Senior College Application Packet was added, which is a great resource for students interested in applying to two- and four-year colleges. https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/937652/Senior_Application_Packet_2020-2021.pdf
The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty among students and families about nearly all aspects of the college admission process, including the role of standardized testing. We were scheduled to host testing in November, but did not feel it was prudent to have students from “red” area and states in our building. We looked into hosting school day testing for just Agawam students, but the next available date is in March. Due to the cancellation of SAT and ACT testing dates, more than 1,630 US

colleges and universities announced they are moving to a test-optional policy, and more will surely follow. By going test-optional, institutions are making a definitive statement that they will not need test scores to make admission decisions this year. Despite the change in policies, high school students and their parents are asking, “Does test optional really mean test optional?” The answer, simply put, is: YES.
Please keep in mind that some colleges may require SAT or ACT scores for certain majors and/or the awarding of merit money. We encourage you to contact any schools that are of interest to you (website, email, or phone) to confirm that test scores are not required for your intended major and/or the awarding of merit money.
All students should be checking their Naviance accounts on a regular basis. There is so much valuable information for all students, whether you’re headed directly into the work force, the military, or college upon graduation from AHS. If you can’t access your account, please be in touch with your School Counselor.

Open Houses/Informational Sessions/Discovery Days:
Colleges and universities will be hosting information and recruitment events, in a variety of formats, in the next couple of months. Check the colleges’ websites for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event. While campus visits may look and feel different during this

time, it is important to take advantage of these programs to learn as much as you can about the schools that are of interest to you.

Scholarship Information:
See your counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.
Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC): This scholarship program offers students the opportunity to earn their degree and receive valuable leadership and management skills while enjoying the benefits of an exciting career. Several requirements exist. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2020. Please visit public.navy.mil for details.
Exceptional student leaders are invited to apply for the 2021 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. In honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan, this program annually rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships (up to \$40,000 per recipient). More information is available at reagan-foundation.org. Applications will be accepted online until January 5, 2021.
The 2020 Profile in Courage Essay will be offering a first place prize of \$10,000, a second place prize of \$3,000, and \$1,000 for five finalists. The maximum word count is 1,000 with a minimum of 700, not including citations and bibliographies. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021. More information is available at jfklibrary.org/essaycontest
Berkshire Bank’s NeXt Gen Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 cycle. Through the program, 40 students will receive a \$2500 scholarship. These will be awarded to students who have exemplified community service through their volunteer efforts, have been successful academically, and have financial need. The application deadline is January 31, 2021. Learn more at berkshirebank.com/scholarships

Tenaska, founded in 1987, is a privately held energy company committed to being good neighbors in the communities where its plants are located. To express that commitment, scholarships are offered through the high schools located in the counties with plant operations (Berkshire Power Company in our area). Applicants must be a 2021 graduating high school senior who plan to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary education program at an accredited institution. The scholarship amount is \$1500, and applications, which are available at Tenaska.com/scholarship-form, are due no later than February 12, 2021.
The Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF) has multiple scholarship awards to give to eligible high school seniors. The application on the website is not yet open, but is expected to go live on November 20. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 2, 2021. More information is available at apcf.org/scholarships
The American College Foundation (ACF) is offering a Visionary Scholarship, with multiple winners selected to each receive between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The application process is quick and easy and financial need is not considered. All may apply. The application is available at American-CollegeFoundation.org and the deadline is May 1, 2021.
The Wisegeek Entrepreneurship Matters Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship open to students with an entrepreneurial spirit. While not required, the program will look for candidates with a track record of overcoming challenges and a penchant for continuous growth. Applications can be completed in less than two minutes and are due by May 1, 2021.
wise-geek.com/entrepreneurship-matters-scholarship.htm
The creators of the “Student Award Search Aid” website are offering the B. Davis Scholarship for 2021. Please visit studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm to read about the program and to apply for the scholarship. The amount of the award is \$1,000 and the deadline is May 24, 2021.

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Accessory apartments would be charged a \$250 registration fee each year and Zoning Board of Appeals approval. The maximum addition to a house would be 900 square feet. It also included annual inspections of the space and no more than three people residing in the apartments. There would also need to be at least three off-street parking spaces at the property for both the primary and accessory space users.

The council voted 7-3 against the ordinance, which would have needed a two-thirds majority to pass. Johnson, Tedeschi, and Rosemary Sandlin were the only ones to vote in favor of the ordinance.
A proposed update of the ordinance was original brought forward to the council in March and did not gain traction. It is unknown if town officials will attempt another version.

METRICS ■ from page 1

when the schools have to be back to virtual and remote learning, when feasible.
“Of course if there’s an emergency situation, 48 hours might not be feasible,” Hoffman said. “But if we can do it safely, it will be given.”
Additionally, at any time the superintendent in consultation with the district’s Board of Health and union president, may postpone school in all models after taking into consideration a few different reasons. Including if a pivot is made a joint statement will be released to the public by the district and association, that explains the rationale reasoning behind the change. The statement will also be given to members of the School Committee before the public.
Reasons for creating a pivot in schooling models will include; if the average positive rate passes the threshold of five percent in Agawam, if the positivity rate in the school community warrants a model change, if the number of positive cases within the school community is at 30 or more cases and mitigation strategies such as closing the door to a cohort, classroom, or building has not contained the spread. The number of 30 or more and 5 percent are both seen as extreme numbers, and if the town reaches these numbers the Board of Health and Hoffman will be able to see the pattern then safely and effectively make the call to close schools.
Other reasons for a pivot in schooling models include if there’s a rating or red under the state’s new community COVID-19 ranking model for Agawam for three consecutive weeks, if there are delays in testing results at anytime without a 48 hour notice, if the schools run out of agreed upon PPE, or if the state mandate pivot to a remote model. The reasons for a pivot in the learning model can be used together or separately. Many of the reasons can be used together to encompass while there is a need for a pivot.
The districts website will provide a running count of cases in the school system, it’ll be updated daily and available to everyone. There was also a document created for

Hoffman and the union president to share and record all cases, and keep watch on the effect in Agawam. On Tuesday, Nov. 3, there were 41 active cases, and within two days it was up to 55 cases, Hoffman kept watch of the numbers in the district and will continue to do so to make sure it’s safe for students and teachers to be in school.
The committee members expressed that they supported keeping kids in schools as long as it’s safe for them to be there, they also commended Hoffman for making a quick decision to close schools when an increase in cases hit Agawam. Hoffman and Auer have been working together so far to keep an eye on cases and clusters, now there will be a bi-weekly meeting with Hoffman, Auer, Sapelli, the union president, and the executive director; in order to discuss COVID related information that pertains to the Agawam school community. The union president and Hoffman will update the community and the school committee in an effort to keep everyone informed, safe, and apart of the ongoing conversation.
Members of the school committee and Sapelli agreed that the 48-hour notice is important to include, especially for teachers and parents. There were many parents that were upset at the sudden school closure, because they weren’t properly notified. Teacher also need to be ready to teach where they are, and have their class plan ready for where they are. It’s important to give all parties the extra time when the district can give it.
Though shutting down the schools depends on multiple situations and factors, it’s important to look into the different categories that make up one case. Some the reasons listed to automatically shut down schools, they just open up the discus to shut down. Though the school with be following state guidelines for athletics, where they have to shut down after three consecutive weeks in a red rating. The addendum was discussed by each committee member and it received seven approvals, making it pass unanimously.

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5. Flat-bottomed sailboat
10. Jamaican tangelo
14. Debauched man
15. Less covered
16. Require to live
17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two
18. Mixes
19. Insurance claim expenses
20. Tries to persuade
22. Equal (prefix)
23. Czech name for Prague
24. London soccer team
27. Greek letter
30. Small Eurasian deer
31. Swiss river
32. Miller beer
35. Less appealing
37. 8th month (abbr.)
38. ___ Alto, California city
39. Grandmothers
40. American time
41. NW Chinese people
42. “Westworld” actress ___ Rachel Wood
43. Northeastern US university
44. Poplar trees (Spanish)
45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe ___
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47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
48. Comedienne Gasteyer
49. Fonts
52. Female cattle mammary gland
55. Down time
56. Spiritual leader
60. Small brown and gray American rail
61. Trimmed by cutting
63. NY Giants owner
64. A long narrative poem
65. Old World lizard
66. Product for sale
67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)
68. Pacific Island country
69. Whale ship captain
CLUES DOWN
1. Language
2. Fly high in the air
3. Made musical sounds
4. Organized again
5. TV channel
6. Unable to fly
7. Get up
8. Air traveler
9. Married woman
10. Take weapons from
11. Sicilian city
12. Actress Remini
13. Thought
21. Infections
23. Golf score
25. Hill or rocky peak
26. Witch
27. Adjusted
28. Succulent plant
29. Forearm bones
32. Hot fluid in the earth’s crust
33. Subatomic particle
34. Part of an organism
36. 007’s creator
37. Burned material residue
38. Brain layer: ___ mater
40. Unable to partake
41. Lesion
43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)
44. Basics
46. Scottish port
47. Flower cluster
49. Instruct
50. Untamed
51. Moth genus
52. Utilizes
53. Foolish
54. Fall in small drops
57. A place to get clean
58. La ___ Tar Pits
59. Metrical foot
61. Semiliquid food
62. Small crow

If you're grieving, here are tips for navigating the holidays

By Liane Smola

For those of us who have lost someone it is hard to imagine how we will get through the upcoming holiday season. You may even wish you could skip the holidays all together, somehow put yourself on a fast track through them so you could eliminate the pain and heartache of not having your loved one partake in your family traditions.

Sadly, I cannot sugar coat it. The holidays without your loved one can be very difficult. You wouldn't be experiencing these feelings of grief had you not loved. As I always say, be easy on yourself through these times. I am hopeful you find some of the content included helpful as you navigate through the holiday season.

Take care and be well, friends.

The holidays can be a stressful time for all of us even if we are not experiencing grief. We put a great deal of pressure on ourselves to decorate our homes, purchase the most perfect gifts, deliver the most delectable meals while managing the shuffle from home to home visiting friends and family. The pressure and stress for those who are not grieving is at an all-time high. Some studies show as high as 88% of people reporting feeling very high to extremely high stress levels. Now, can you imagine going into the holiday season with the feelings of grief layered on top of the stress we put on ourselves through these times anyways? If you are grieving this holiday season you may be feeling:

- Sad
- Fatigued
- Lonely/Empty Inside
- Helpless
- Confused
- Angry
- Not able to task
- Overwhelmed

You must remember, you are not alone. Lean on those around you, your family, your friends. If you do not have a traditional support system, there are resources available to you. Outreach to a counselor, a grief coach, a support group. There are amazing community support groups available who can guide you through the challenging feelings you are experiencing. At GuidanceByLi we are also here to provide you a safe space to share your feelings and navigate through these difficult days.

I would like to share some tips that may help in dealing with the approaching season. Each tip may not be a "one-fits-all" solution.

Depending on where you are in your grief or whom you are grieving for you may

find that there are specific tips that resonate for you. Throughout my coaching I always remind my clients that each and every person grieves differently. There are no two situations exactly the same. Therefore, why would we think that every tip or tool offered would work for every person grieving? In my journey of giving and sharing, it is important to me to share things that have worked for myself, others, or items I may come across through research or learning. There are a host of resources out there available to you at the click of a button. I remember when the internet was not an option. Going to the library and reading was the only way to truly access the information that you can now get at your fingertips in seconds. Take advantage of the resources available to you. I will continue to do my best to share tools and tips that I have come across in my own experience and in my studies.

I am hopeful that you are able to find something that resonates with you that you may be able to implement or find helpful as you navigate the days ahead:

- It is OK to say no to invitations. If you are not feeling up for the occasion you can simply set a boundary for yourself and kindly say no. This year may make that response even easier due to COVID social distancing concerns. Or limit the number of commitments you make all together.
- If you are up to attending a holiday get together, participate as little or as much as desired. Don't put so much pressure on yourself to "show-up" the way you have always done in the past. As I always say, be easy on yourself. Remember...this is your journey, so you do not have to partake in activities that cause you stress or anxiety.
- Decide what traditions you would like to keep.
- Decide what traditions you would like to change ~ If you have always held holiday dinner maybe this year you turn it into holiday brunch. Or celebrate on the Eve as opposed the actual day the holiday falls.
- Put out a memory jar or a memory stocking. Each family member can write down memories of your lost loved one and then you can choose a time to share them with one another.
- Create a memory table with a picture of your lost loved one, maybe light a candle.
- Say yes to help! If family and friends are offering to help, please take them up on their offers. Allow them to make a meal or shop for you. Online shopping can also reduce the stress brought on by the hustle and the bustle of in store shopping.
- Setup a scrapbook making table and



Liane Smola says the holidays can be stressful for everyone, but particularly for those who are grieving. She provides thoughts and tips for navigating what can be a difficult period. COURTESY PHOTO

ask relatives and friends to make copies of their favorite pictures of your lost loved one. Together you can create a beautiful scrapbook in their memory

- Make an ornament
- Play their favorite music or make their favorite appetizer or meal
- Remember...crying is OK – and, you don't have to hide it. You are crying because you miss your loved one. Do not allow others who feel you should be "stronger" get in the way. You are allowed to carry your feelings, express them, and let them out as needed
- Donate to a local charity or donate your time to a local soup kitchen. Believe it or not, helping others can shift the deep sadness you are suffering off your plate and you may find gratitude in assisting others in need.
- Be mindful of having too many alcoholic drinks or overeating. Both may help mask your pain in the moment but can make you feel really crummy the following day.
- Shake things up a bit all together and do something out of the ordinary. Go sky diving, hike a mountain or if you are not a

risk taker... go to spa and pamper yourself with relaxation.

- Make a list of three things you currently feel grateful for. Three things that make your heart happy and smile. Carry your list with you throughout your day. When you are having a particularly difficult moment, take your list out and remind yourself of the goodness you jotted down.

- Love and cherish your family and friends that are still physically here sharing this holiday season with you. Lean on them. Ask them for support. Give them a hug.

The Benefits of Hugs

More often than not I think we take for granted the benefits we receive by just giving or receiving a simple hug. When we engage in a hug a hormone called oxytocin is released into our body. Oxytocin is also known as the "trust hormone" and has proven beneficial physiological effects on your cardiovascular and emotional happiness. Studies show we can receive the following benefits from a hug a day:

- Reduced Blood Pressure
- Reduced Stress & Anxiety
- Improve Immunity
- Improve Memory

Why not try it out today? It may be just what you need this holiday season.

I hope you have found value in our first ever written newsletter. As you move through this holiday season, remember to be easy on yourself. If your loved one could send you a message or sit down next to you, I am almost certain they would want to tell you to celebrate the way you always have. They would not want you to miss the joy you once experienced during the holidays because they are no longer physically here to celebrate with you. You are blessed with the gift of their memory. Make yourself a list of the top five most memorable holiday moments you shared with your lost loved one and as you jot down each event, think of how that memory made you feel when you were experiencing it. Picture the laughter, the embrace, the smells of delicious food. Hold onto the goodness of all the times you had the opportunity to laugh together, to hold onto one another, to celebrate one another. If you close your eyes, it's almost like you can bring yourself there.

Sending you peace and love this holiday season ~Li

Liane Smola runs GuidanceByLi in Wilbraham

Donations needed as diaper short increases during pandemic

United Way of Hampshire County using new Diaper Bank to wipe away diaper need, one change at a time

NORTHAMPTON—United Way of Hampshire County, together with United Way of Franklin County, has donated tens of thousands of diapers to parents in need in the first months of its new Diaper Bank program.

John Bidwell, executive director of the Hampshire County agency, said the program is a huge success, and need continues to increase as COVID-19 holds a tight grip on the region.

"There is a deep need to get diapers into the hands of parents and onto the bottoms of newborns and toddlers," Bidwell said. "Diapers are going faster than we anticipated."

Bolstered by a grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, the two United Ways collaborated last spring to create a single, regional United Way Diaper Bank that is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network. The program provides 16 organizations with diapers to disperse to parents.

This summer, the new bank distributed roughly 10,000 diapers per month to families in need from the bank, which was launched with nearly 200,000 diapers in hand.

"We are really excited about the expansion and being able to provide more diapers to local families," said Cheyanne Gracia, who manages the diaper bank.

She explained that parents cannot use food stamps or support from Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to purchase diapers, which cost about 50 cents apiece—or \$4 or \$5 per day. "That is more than some families can manage without making difficult choices, such as whether to buy diapers or their child's next meal," Bidwell said.

Barbara Black, formerly the early childhood coordinator for Northampton Public Schools, said meeting diaper needs is more than an economic issue. "The lack of affordable diapers is a health matter for infants, as they are exposed to more health risks without frequent, clean changes," she said, noting the problem also poses mental health dangers: Stressed out parents raise stressed out children.

Black is passionate about meeting the need for affordable diapers, and she came to United Way of Hampshire County five years ago to encourage the agency to start a diaper drive. In that first year, roughly 33,000 diapers were gathered and donated to parents. "We later teamed with Amherst Survival Center to fundraise and provide diapers through annual drives," Black said.

The demand continued to exceed supplies, however, as it did in Franklin County,

where the United Way had established a diaper bank and was donating 6,000 to 10,000 diapers per month to parents, continuously fundraising to replenish.

With the two United Ways considering a merger, the leaders banded together to create the new diaper bank and register it as part of the national organization. "A merger will better serve the region through shared programs like the diaper bank, increased capacities with fundraising, and it will allow new efficiencies, such as grant processing, which we've already begun to meld," Bidwell said.

The diaper bank was the first and most defined collaboration to date, and it was made possible in March through a \$35,000 grant from the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund. As the pandemic cost people their jobs, buying diapers became more out of reach for some and out of reach for the first time for others.

The grant funding allowed the purchase of just over 190,000 diapers, which were received at a discounted price of 18 cents per because of the membership in the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN).

Diaper partner organizations are: Community Action's Family Center, Franklin County Community Meals Program's Orange Food Pantry, The Center for Self-Reliance Food Pantry, Montague Catholic Social Ministries, Leyden Woods, It Takes a Village, The Children's Closet in North

Leverett, Greenfield Community College's Food Pantry, the Good Neighbors Food Pantry in Charlemont and the West County Food Pantry in Shelburne Falls, Amherst Survival Center, Easthampton Community Center, Jubilee Diaper Ministry, WIC, Northampton Area Pediatrics and the ParentChild+ Program at the Northampton Public Schools.

"The grant funding and membership with NDBN allows us to pause and really focus on our mission of ending diaper need," Gracia said, noting that, with need increasing, she is not sure how long the supplies will hold. "Our goal is to supply diapers to our partners as needed for as long as we can."

State Rep. Mindy Domb, D-Amherst, who led the Amherst Survival Center for many years and was a critical part of the diaper drive efforts in Hampshire County, is now working to meet diaper need on a larger scale.

With Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli, D-Lenox, and Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem, she has filed a bill that, if passed, would create a new fund offering grants to nonprofits that distribute free diapers. The trio hopes that an initial, one-year pilot program could provide funds for up to 12 organizations in the state.

Visit <https://www.uw-fc.org/diaper-bank> to make a gift or learn more.



Town officials and other volunteers gathered outside Town Hall to distribute several dozen turkeys to local veterans for Thanksgiving last week. COURTESY PHOTO

GIVING THANKS

Ludlow shows appreciation to vets by handing out Thanksgiving turkeys

By Jonah Snowden
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LUDLOW —Despite the cold, gloomy weather, local officials lined up outdoors to serve those who serve their country.

Director of Veterans Services Eric Segundo, Event Coordinator of Massachusetts Military Support Foundation Ken Melanson and Selectman Derek DeBarge participated in Ludlow’s third annual turkey drive on Nov. 16 outside Town Hall to make sure local veterans can celebrate a traditional Thanksgiving.

This event, “Turkey 4 Vets,” took place not just in the town of Ludlow, but in different Western Massachusetts towns, such as Chicopee, Holyoke, North Adams and more, in an effort to support local veterans. In preparation of the annual event, Town Veterans Service officers picked up 200 packaged turkeys from 90 Meat Outlet in Springfield to distribute to their veterans.

Classic Hits 97.7 FM, 90 Meat Outlet, and News Radio 560 WHYN also helped put this event together.

Segundo said they advertised the event through social media and on the town’s website to let area veterans know about this opportunity and sign up to receive a Thanksgiving turkey. Segundo said about 45 veterans requested turkeys, which were distributed in a drive-through pick-up line to minimize COVID-19 spread.

“Especially this year, of all years, with the pandemic, many families are struggling to get by,” said Segundo. “Just being able to provide a turkey is another great way that we take care of our veterans here.”

Similar sentiments were shared by Melanson and DeBarge, who helped distribute the packaged turkeys.

“Anytime he [Segundo] has an opportunity to serve those who have served our country, I’m happy to oblige and be a part of the team,” said Melanson. “It’s an honor and privilege to serve our veteran. These turkeys going out are a blessing, for sure.”

DeBarge also was happy to play his part in distributing



Selectman Derek DeBarge hands out a turkey to one of the veterans who showed up for Ludlow’s annual giveaway to local veterans. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY JONAH SNOWDEN

the main dish that makes a thanksgiving dinner complete.

“I enjoy everything about my involvement in this event and any event, that I participate as a selectman,” he said.

“I can’t express my affection [enough] for this town, its people. Any event that we do, I try to make myself available. Obviously, when it has to do with our veterans, being one myself, I try to make myself as available as I can. Whether it be serving dinners, or being here to hand out turkeys, I’ll be there for them.”

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Bethany to host 'drive-thru' holiday event

AGAWAM – Looking for a fun and safe activity this Christmas season? We have just the event for you! Please join us as we host “A Bethany Christmas”, a narrated drive-thru Christmas experience! The drive-thru will contain displays, characters, carolers and thousands of lights, as well as live scenes, sharing a message of hope and faith. This drive-thru event is our gift to the community and is free to the public, but

we will be accepting donations which will be used to build schools for children in Latin America. The dates of the event are the first two weekends in December: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, and 11, 12, and 13. The times are Friday from 6pm – 8pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We hope you'll join us for A Bethany Christmas at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Wednesday adoration sessions at St. John

AGAWAM – All are welcome and invited to join us at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, for Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays, 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Come and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.

Church to hold holiday tag sale

AGAWAM – There will be a huge Christmas Tag Sale at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., on Nov. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All types of Christmas items: ornament, dishes, home decor and more. Face coverings must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be in place.

FOOD BANK ■ from page 1

Bank's demand has increased dramatically. Baulding detailed the added responsibility that the facility has assumed over the past eight months.

“We have seen an increase in the amount of people who have needed our services because of COVID,” said Baulding. “Many people have come in for the first time. They may have never thought that they'd ever need assistance from the Food Bank or a food pantry but they do because of job losses.”

Baulding credited the community's support for keeping the Food Bank alive and thriving during a challenging year. The massive 35,000 square-foot warehouse that employs 45 serves as the headquarters for the entire operation and is currently abuzz with energy and productivity.

“People are working double-time, from the pickers who pick the food and put it together for our member agencies to the volunteers who are in our sorting room who are actually putting boxes of food together. It's really incredible,” said Baulding.

One of the greatest obstacles that the pandemic has placed before the Food Bank is a dwindling amount of food donations. COVID-19 protocols prohibit the facility from accepting most food donations from the public.

For residents looking to contribute, monetary donations are highly significant

and much needed. Baulding noted that monetary donations have allowed the Food Bank to make up for absence of food donations that it had been previously accustomed to receiving.

“It's critical because for every dollar donated, we can provide four full, healthy meals,” said Baulding. “That means one individual could get four meals, and it's not just one part of the meal; it's the entire meal, or a family of four could have a dinner. It's critical, particularly at this time where so many of our neighbors are out of work or maybe their hours have been cut dramatically.”

As temperatures continue to decrease, nutritious meals become more essential. On a regular basis, the Food Bank's Mobile Food Bank visits 27 locations in western Mass., distributing healthy food items.

“We want to help people stay healthy and strong as they are going through this difficult time,” said Baulding.

On Nov. 23 and 24, the Food Bank will participate in Monte's March, a 43-mile masked march that will begin in Springfield and finish in Greenfield, covering three counties. Monte Belmonte, a radio personality for 93.9 WRSI, leads the annual initiative.

Those who participate in the march will push empty shopping carts along the entirety of the route to raise awareness about



Brian Longto operates a piece of machinery inside the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield during the COVID-19 pandemic. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

hunger in the region and funds to stop it in its tracks. This year, the fundraiser aims to raise \$365,000, which is the equivalent of 4,000 meals per day for an entire calendar year.

“We pivoted this year, and it's going to work. It's going to be on a smaller scale, and we're asking people to donate what they can,” said Baulding. “If they can't come out

and march with us, perhaps they can virtually march online, or they can donate on those two days or online as well.”

To register for Monte's March or donate to the Food Bank, visit <https://www.food-bankwma.org/events/montes-march11/>.

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Food Operations Manager Mike Cortis stands beside Communications and Engagement Officer Lillian Baulding inside the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield.



The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts operates out of a 35,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Hatfield and serves dozens of member agencies scattered throughout the region.

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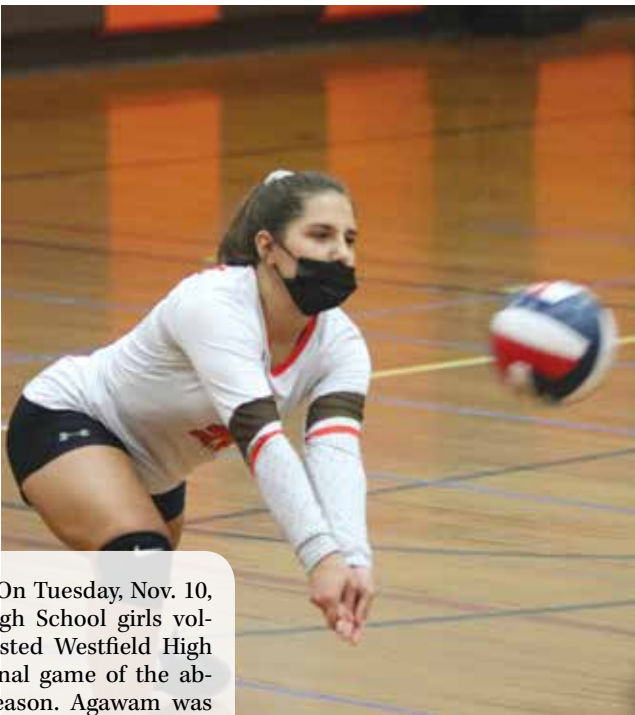
SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Brownies take part in final game



A pair of Agawam players attempt to make a block. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Mariam Stepchuk lunges for a hit.

AGAWAM – On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Agawam High School girls volleyball team hosted Westfield High School in the final game of the abbreviated fall season. Agawam was swept 3-0, but was very competitive in the final two games of the set, losing 25-21 and 25-22. The Brownies went 3-8 on the shortened season.



Libero Emily Ehresman gets the low hit.



Megan Ball serves for the Brownies.



Emily Larouche opens a volley with a bump from the back line.

VOLLEYBALL

Indoor track could move to bubble season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – Could indoor track become outdoor track this year? Indoor track coaches around the region are looking at the possibility of that if a different solution is not found to hold indoor track when the winter season starts in January.

Indoor track facilities are few and far between in Western Massachusetts.

The teams in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference have typically used Smith College over the past several years.

Several teams would each participate in one of two meets on

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Indoor track is usually held at Smith College in Northampton, but that facility is unavailable this winter due to the pandemic. FILE PHOTO

WINTER SPORTS

Winter season postponed till January 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – In a bit of a switch from the normal decision-making processes filtering down, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference made a pre-emptive decision about the upcoming winter season.

In Western Massachusetts, there will be no winter sports action before Jan. 14. Practices cannot begin before Jan. 4.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton, a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors, said he believes a sim-

ilar decision will be made by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association in the coming weeks.

“We looked at a number of things as it related to this decision,” said Stratton.

The top factor was learning from what schools and communities went through in the fall season.

“A number of towns and their schools had to go in front of their school committees and the respective boards of health,” said Stratton. “And those boards only meet once or twice a month, so

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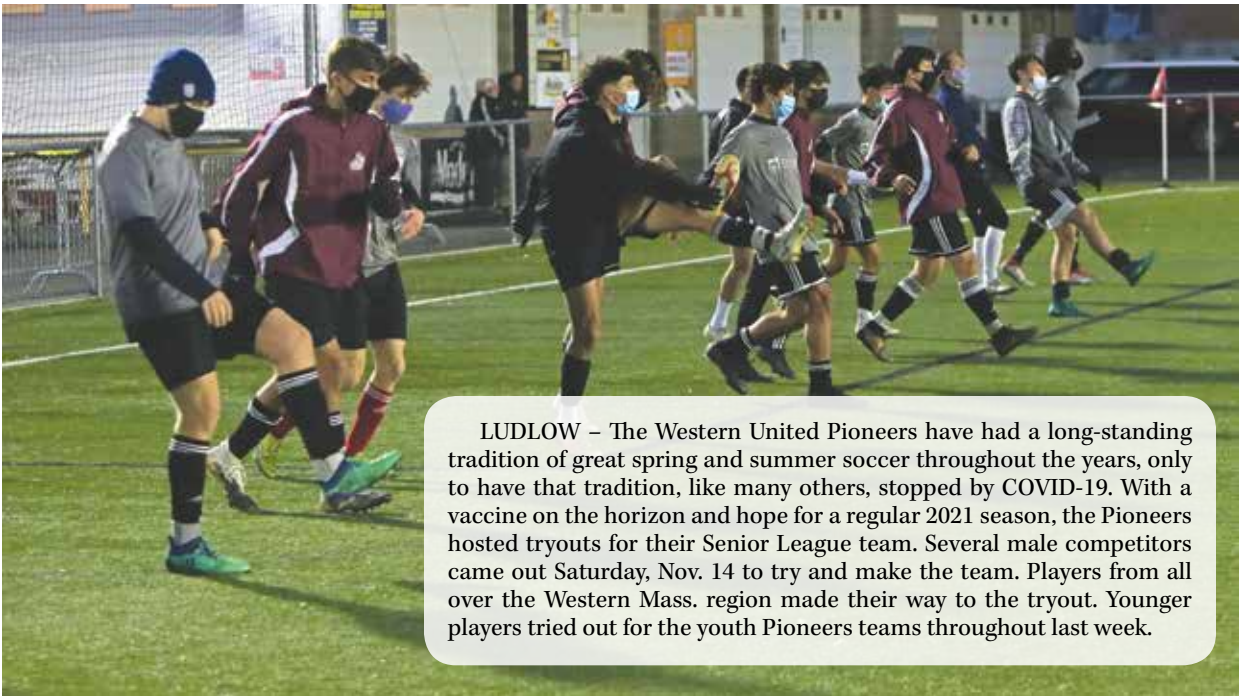
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Sports

Pioneers begin road to return



Several hopefuls dribble the ball around. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers have had a long-standing tradition of great spring and summer soccer throughout the years, only to have that tradition, like many others, stopped by COVID-19. With a vaccine on the horizon and hope for a regular 2021 season, the Pioneers hosted tryouts for their Senior League team. Several male competitors came out Saturday, Nov. 14 to try and make the team. Players from all over the Western Mass. region made their way to the tryout. Younger players tried out for the youth Pioneers teams throughout last week.

The tryout starts with some stretching.



Noah Dunn, of Wilbraham, works out for Pioneers coaches.



Darren Zaldivar, of Ludlow, focuses during the tryout.



Coach Federico Molinari briefs the players on how tryouts will work.

Sports

Full ‘Bubbleville’ schedule released

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Gazelle Group today announced the complete schedule of matchups for the season-opening event known as “Bubbleville.” Games will be played Nov. 25 to Dec. 5 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Bubbleville will house several events relocated and reimagined due to COVID-19 and provides a controlled environment with teams and event staff adhering to tribal, government, and NCAA health and safety protocols and testing requirements. At this time, all games are expected to be played without fans in attendance.

The event will feature 45 games in 11 days, showcasing 40 NCAA Division I men’s and women’s teams. The schedule will be headlined by several preseason ranked squads including #2 Baylor, #3 Villanova, #4 Virginia, #18 Arizona State and #20 Oregon for the men and #3 UConn, #5 Louisville and #6 Mississippi State for the women. Select games will be available on ESPN networks. All games airing on ESPN networks will also be available on the ESPN App, accessible on computers, smartphones, tablets and connected devices to fans who receive their video subscription from an affiliated provider. All other games will be streamed via FloHoops. The schedule to date is available in the attached PDF, along with broadcast information.

In the coming days, additional games featuring Oregon and Missouri will be added to the schedule on December 2 and 3. Each school will play two games, including one game against each other.

Events taking place in Bubbleville include the Roman Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper, the 2K Empire Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project presented by Continental Tire, the HomeLight Classic, the Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament, the Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge, the Jimmy V Women’s Classic and several pods and single game contests developed specifically for Bubbleville.

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it took some times for towns to get the various approvals needed.’

Taking into account a full season will not be played, Stratton said delaying the season to January was the easiest step to take.

Just like the fall season, teams will play in geographic bubbles and will only be able to get about 10 to 12 games at the most played.

Taking into account the holiday breaks as well as the winter weather, the winter season is usually the longest, starting in early December and ending in mid-March.

Stratton said other factors played into making the decision even easier to make. He said the current spike in COVID-19 cases made it easier for the PVIAC to take a break. The break will keep more students at home and reduce exposure to the virus as the country prepares for possible distribution of a vaccine.

Stratton said the PVIAC expects the winter season to go from Jan. 14 to Feb. 21. He said one other proposal had the season going from Dec. 14 to Feb. 12, but said the point about towns needing time to get approvals prevailed.

Sports specific guidelines are scheduled to be made public soon, and local town boards and school committee members would have to review them and see if they want their schools to participate.

As of now, basketball and hockey are supposed to be played while wrestling will not be allowed to have any school-to-school competition.

Stratton said while news of a vaccine continues to circulate, the PVIAC and MIAA are continuing to prepare for seasons as if the pandemic is still in effect.

“We are preparing for the conditions that currently exist until we have information that would cause us to do otherwise,” said Stratton.

The Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs issues the guidance high schools are using to play sports currently. The EEA was scheduled to release guidance for winter sports to be considered by the various subcommittees of the MIAA Board of Directors. Stratton, who is on the Sports Medicine Committee, said votes on the guidelines are ongoing.

Stratton said the PVIAC will re-evaluate the bubble leagues schools will play in. They were geographically-based, but the number of schools participating in the winter season could change. He also said with a limited number of ice hockey teams, those bubble leagues will look much different.

Pioneers join USL Academy League

LUDLOW – The Western Mass Pioneers have been endorsed as one of the founding members of the USL Academy League’s Northeast Division. The Academy League season is due to kick off in late spring 2021 and will provide clubs in all three of the USL’s senior divisions with an elite youth development and competition platform. As such, the clubs can now develop a more clearly defined path for the top youth prospects in their area to reach the professional and collegiate levels.

The Western Mass. Pioneers are the defending Northeast Conference Champions of USL League Two. The team will begin its 22nd season of play this coming spring – having won a National Championship in 1999. Over the years, several Pioneers’ players have gone on to the professional ranks; including Thomas McNamara of the New England Revolution and most recently Guzman Diaz of Club Deportivo Maldonado (Uruguay).

“This is a great opportunity for us to start preparing for the USL team in years to come and for players to compete with and against USL players in the future,” stated Pioneers Head Coach Federico Molinari.

The structure of the USL Academy League provides the Pioneers a progressive model to develop local players for their Senior Team, at a fraction of the cost of traditional pre-professional academies. Teams participating in the Academy League will field one elite youth team, made up of the top U15-U19 prospects in their area. Each team will limit the number of U18/19 players and will require a minimum number of U16/U17 players and encourage the clubs to integrate the top U15 players when developmentally appropriate.

“Whether a player is looking for a professional opportunity or a successful college career, the USL Academy League provides the perfect platform to bring together the top youth players in the area. The league is designed to supplement a player’s current program and with no age restrictions this will allow the best players in the area to develop and compete at the highest level,” added General Manager Joe Ferrara.

For more information on the Academy League and for

tryout details contact Joe Ferrara at jferrara@wmpioneers.com or 413-330-9775.

More than 50 clubs across 25 states comprise the wide geographic footprint of the USL Academy League. The league will be divided into seven regions: Northeast, Atlantic, Southeast, Florida, East Central, South Central and Southwest. The 12 clubs set to compete in the Northeast Division of the USL Academy League and the territories in which they will compete in are as follows:

- Black Rock FC: Lake Placid, NY (USL League Two)
- Boston Bolts: Boston, MA (USL League Two)
- Cedar Stars Academy: South Hackensack, NJ (USL League Two)
- FA Euro New York: New York, NY (USL League Two)
- Hartford Athletic: Hartford, CT (USL Championship)
- Ironbound SC: Newark, NJ (Part of the New York Red Bulls’ player pathway)
- Long Island Rough Riders: Long Island, NY (USL League Two)
- Morris Elite: Madison, NJ (USL League Two)
- Queensboro FC: New York, NY (USL Championship)
- Seacoast United: Portsmouth, NH (USL League Two)
- Westchester Flames: Westchester, NY (USL League Two)
- Western Mass Pioneers: Ludlow, MA (USL League Two)

The launch of the USL Academy League will help all USL clubs identify top prospects, and provide more players with the opportunity to compete against professionals at a younger age. The 2020 USL Championship season has shown that young players on USL Academy contracts can break through to their local Senior Teams. Players like Orange County SC’s Aaron Cervantes and Francis Jacobs, San Antonio FC’s Jose Gallegos, Austin Bold FC’s Beto Avila, Birmingham Legion FC’s Jaden Servania, Sacramento Republic FC’s Hayden Sargis, Indy Eleven’s Josh Penn and Phoenix Rising FC’s Ansu Kanneh, among others, demonstrate the benefits of an established youth development pathway at USL clubs.

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Friday evenings. There would be a meet at 3:45 p.m. and a second meet at 6:45 p.m. Schools would be counted with certain schools matching up their results individually.

Smith College, like many college campuses, are not open for high schools to use for track meets. Springfield College, which has indoor track facilities, is also not available due to the pandemic.

With the Fall 2 or bubble season set to happen in February, coaches are discussing the idea of doing indoor track at the various artificial turf facilities available throughout the region.

“If the weather cooperates, we would be able to hold meets outside and would not have to rent a place like Smith College,” said Agawam High School track coach Dan Pryce. “We would have to modify a few of the events, but it would work really well.”

During indoor track, the running events including the 55 meter, 300 meter, 600 meter, and 1000 meter runs. The one mile and two miles are events done in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, as well as the long jump, high jump, and shot put. The outdoor season has 100, 200, 400, and 800 meter races in comparison.

Pryce said while there is nothing official, there is a lot of good feedback among the indoor track coaches in the region to move indoor track to the bubble season so competitors can take part in the sports.

There is potential competition in the sport if it moves to the bubble season. Football is currently scheduled to be the main sport during the bubble season, set to go from Feb. 22 to mid-April. Because football is normally a fall sport



Hurdles are another event that is part of the indoor track season. Indoor track could move outdoors in the bubble season in late February. FILE PHOTO

and indoor track a winter sport, some students may have to choose one sport over the other if they are normally involved in both. Cheerleading is also currently supposed to be part of the Fall 2 season.

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Tax for FY-2020 \$1,180.89

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KENNEDY MARGARET R L/T,
LAND & BUILDING located at 98 CHESTNUT LN in AGAWAM, containing .390 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L06060006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2261-483.
Tax for FY-2020 \$980.91

KUZMENKO NATALIE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 6 VALLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .290 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17010015, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20554-344.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,888.37

KUZMENKO PAVEL,
LAND located at 61 VALLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .270 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17010011, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21667-151.
Tax for FY-2020 \$47.28

LAVERNWAY KAREN D,
LAND located at ROYAL ST in AGAWAM, containing .115 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I14030009, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18897-557.
Tax for FY-2020 \$72.97

LEAVY,BRIAN F,
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: BERKSHIRE OMEGA CORP,
LAND & BUILDING located at 74 KOSAK CT in AGAWAM, containing .510 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B08020003, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22648-513.
Tax for FY-2020 \$2,748.81

LIGHTCAP THOMAS K,
LIGHTCAP ELLEN J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 60 WHITE FOX RD in AGAWAM, containing .347 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C05010013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4682-/240.
Tax for FY-2020 \$2,982.67

LIQUORI GERALDINE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 340 PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing 9.360 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D03020001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4460-/243.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,999.90

LIQUORI GERALDINE,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing 22.130 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D04010002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18953-333.
Tax for FY-2020 \$41.99

LIQUORI GERALDINE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 244 PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .359 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D04020008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS -

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Book/Page 7639-/169.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,273.31

LIQUORI GERALDINE,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing 3.500 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map D04020011, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18953-331.
Tax for FY-2020 \$6.65

LONGHI ALFRED J,
LONGHI MARLENE M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 173 SOUTHWICK ST in AGAWAM, containing 10.740 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map D09010015, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2895-/48.
Tax for FY-2020 \$4,095.87

MACDONALD ALICE A,
BUILDING located at 5 F CASTLE HILLS RD in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor’s Map J0805005F, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8977-/340.
Tax for FY-2020 \$940.04

MARR GEORGE DENNIS,
MARR LINDA J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 657 SOUTH WESTFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .430 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map E04020004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4667-/100.
Tax for FY-2020 \$2,848.15

MARTINELLI S THOMAS,
C/O MARTINELLI S THOMAS L/T TR,
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: SAVONIN SERGEY
LAND & BUILDING located at 45 BIRCH HILL RD in AGAWAM, containing 1.100 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K09020040, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page LC38495.
Tax for FY-2020 \$4,139.34

MENARD MELVINA M,
BUILDING located at 80 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor’s Map L11060080, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 10010-235.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,748.45

MILLIMET SARAH R,
LAND & BUILDING located at 22 MERRELL DR in AGAWAM, containing .487 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map M09050008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21617-199.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,093.78

MOLBURY RICHARD D,
MOLBURY KAREN S,
LAND & BUILDING located at 20 SHELLEY LN in AGAWAM, containing .978 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map C09050027, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6328-/129.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,204.51

MONGEAU JESSICA L,
LAND & BUILDING located at 204 NORTH ST in AGAWAM, containing .275 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map H14040003, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22388-352.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,264.08

MULKA VALERIE A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 33 VADNAIS ST in AGAWAM, containing .220 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map H08030018, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22109-265.
Tax for FY-2020 \$2,803.02

MURPHY PAMELA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 70 GIFFIN PL in AGAWAM, containing .689 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19698-44.
Tax for FY-2020 \$689.58

MURPHY PAMELA M,
LAND located at GIFFIN PL in AGAWAM, containing .402 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19698-38.
Tax for FY-2020 \$69.12

MURPHY TERRENCE J,
MURPHY NANCY D,
LAND & BUILDING located at 38 SCHOOL ST in AGAWAM, containing .240 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map L10020006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 4638-/7.
Tax for FY-2020 \$900.86

NORTON FAMILY 2011 REVOCABLE T,
NORTON KENNETH A TR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 136 BARRY ST in AGAWAM, containing .515 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map D02030011, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page LC35348.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,842.45

PALYS JOHN S,
PALYS STANLEY J,
LAND located at LT19 NEW YORK AV in AGAWAM, containing .253 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map D13080006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9057-/173.
Tax for FY-2020 \$16.31

PANFORD ALBERT KOFI,
BUILDING located at 45 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor’s Map L11060045, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21756-405.
Tax for FY-2020 \$7,348.85

PAPKE PATRICIA R.Y.,
PAPKE DAVID CARL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 1765 MAIN ST in AGAWAM, containing .230 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K01020007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8984-/256.
Tax for FY-2020 \$20.49

PAPPAS JOHN M,
PAPPAS DALE C,
LAND & BUILDING located at 28 CHARLES ST in AGAWAM, containing .244 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K06060013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5226-/177.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,108.99

PARROTTA BRUNO E,
LAND & BUILDING located at 54 GREENACRE LN in AGAWAM, containing .490 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map I12090007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8683-344.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,841.53

PATINO KAREN E,
LAND & BUILDING located at 39 REED ST in AGAWAM, containing .165 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map J14090006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8877-/292.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,061.16

PINEO FRANK C,
PINEO MARY T/L.T. CRAIG V,
LAND located at SOUTH PARK TR in AGAWAM, containing .130 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K10010060, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6970-/479.
Tax for FY-2020 \$261.40

PUGLIANO LOUIS F,
LAND & BUILDING located at 20 ALFRED ST in AGAWAM, containing .420 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K06050007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21305-574.
Tax for FY-2020 \$433.45

RATNER DAVID,
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: JOHNSON JOHN
LAND located at ST. JACQUES AV in AGAWAM, containing 1.900 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map I07010007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page LC22983.
Tax for FY-2020 \$75.87.

ROSSI ENID J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 1119 MAIN ST in AGAWAM, containing .209 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K06070001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17320-497.
Tax for FY-2020 \$632.13.

SARPKAYA HUSEYN,
SARPKAYA ELIFE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 178 WALNUT ST in AGAWAM, containing .140 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map J16020005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 12535-442.
Tax for FY-2020 \$867.64

SAVONIN SERGEY,
BUILDING located at 22 MOORE ST in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor’s Map I17010022, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15745-116.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,870.28

SCHMIDT MARK A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 108 FRANKLIN ST in AGAWAM, containing .231 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050020, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21983-304.
Tax for FY-2020 \$177.96.

SETTEMBRE MARIA,
SETTEMBRE NAZARIO J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 44 KELLER CR in AGAWAM, containing .938 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map I04020024, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13281-95.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,535.04

SHERMAN THALIA L,
LAND & BUILDING located at 657 SPRINGFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .115 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map H12070012, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9819-/11.
Tax for FY-2020 \$547.63

SKORUPSKI CAROL A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 7 RUTH AV in AGAWAM, containing .230 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map M09020020, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20179-20.
Tax for FY-2020 \$683.59

SMITH EDWIN W,
LAND & BUILDING located at 11 KENSINGTON ST in AGAWAM, containing .129 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050031, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9914-/213.
Tax for FY-2020 \$71.77

SMITH JEFFREY E,
BUILDING located at 264 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, shown on Assessor’s Map M13020264, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 11328-540.
Tax for FY-2020 \$956.25

SODEN RONALD E,
LAND located at SUNNYSLOPE AV in AGAWAM, containing .210 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K01050008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page

6558-/49.
Tax for FY-2020 \$1,206.88

THE HOLLY THOMPSON IRR TRUST,
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LAND & BUILDING located at 286 SOUTH ST in AGAWAM, containing 15.500 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map J04010011, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17409-416.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,839.03

THE TAYEH FAM REALTY TR,
TAYEH AMANDA G TR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 98 BRIDGE ST in AGAWAM, containing .241 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map I16130004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 21490-233. Tax for FY-2020 \$1,161.68

TOURIGNY BRIDGET L,
TOURIGNY BENJAMIN S,
LAND & BUILDING located at 182 MILL ST in AGAWAM, containing 2.200 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map I10020007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18333-25.
Tax for FY-2020 \$712.05

TRYBA EUGENE F,
TRYBA TODD,
LAND located at REAR MELROSE PL in AGAWAM, containing .645 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K07040006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14935-130.
Tax for FY-2020 \$99.61

TRYBA EUGENE F,
TRYBA TODD,
LAND located at BAILEY ST in AGAWAM, containing 11.500 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K07040019, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14935-130.
Tax for FY-2020 \$900.91

WEINER MATTHEW M,
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: MORATAYA NERI DANIEL TEO
LAND & BUILDING located at 1443 MAIN ST in AGAWAM, containing 1.100 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K04030004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 9951-/369.
Tax for FY-2020 \$3,163.50

WHITNEY RICHARD A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 232 MEADOW ST in AGAWAM, containing .443 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map M12030023, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 11315-383.
Tax for FY-2020 \$2,696.01

YOUNG SAMUEL ROBERT,
LAND & BUILDING located at 44 HIGHLAND ST in AGAWAM, containing .181 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11020005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22474-32.
Tax for FY-2020 \$59.43

ZHUPILOV NIKOLAY,
ZHUPIKOV LIYA,
SUBSEQUENT OWNER: SNELL JOSHUA AND
SNELL TIFFANY
LAND located at FOREST HILL RD in AGAWAM, containing .600 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map C14010029, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20881-135.
Tax for FY-2020 \$33.47

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CITY COUNCIL
The Agawam City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 pm**, in the auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA to consider the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on November 12, 2020.
Any member wishing to provide testimony during the Public Hearing on TR-2020-75 may do so by dialing 1-978-990-5187 and using access code 8476635 followed by # sign. **Calls must be made at 7:05 pm** to provide testimony. This remote public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TR-2020-75 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us
BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
President of the City Council

11/19, 11/26/2020
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20C0192CA
In the matter of:
Caroline Clare Pierce
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Caroline Clare Pierce of Agawam, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Caroline Clare Pierce Trudell
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/08/2020.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 10, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
11/26/2020**

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM** to hear the petition of Agawam Mayor William P. Sapelli on a proposed Zoning Amendment entitled "Marijuana Manufacturing License Exemption". Due to the COVID -19 restrictions, the meeting will be held remotely through Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86409469499?pwd=Z0g4QkNhSndtK3JlUWl1c09wRyszd09>
Webinar ID: 864 0946

9499, Passcode: 823145.
Copies of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office at pkerr@agawam.ma.us
BY ORDER OF:
Mark R. Paleologopoulos,
Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
11/19, 11/26/2020
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0257EA
Estate of: Ruth C. Donais
Also Known As:
Ruth Donais
Date of Death:
December 7, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gail C. Donais** of Suffield, CT a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Gail C. Donais of Suffield, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be**

obtained from the Petitioner.
11/26/2020
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
SUFFOLK, SS.
The Superior Court
CIVIL NO. 2084CV01450
CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v
MJ HOMES, LLC and
VITAL Y
DZHENZHERUKHA
a/k/a VITALY Y.
DZHENZHERUKHA
a/k/a VITALIY Y.
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DZHENZHERUKHA
a/k/a VITALIY GINGERUHA
a/k/a VITALY Y.
GINGERUHA
a/k/a VITALIY Y.
GINGERUHA
a/k/a VITALIY GINGERUHA,
Defendants.
ORDER OF NOTICE
Plaintiff, Citizens Bank, N.A. v. Defendants, MJ Homes, LLC and Vitaly Dzhenzherukha a/k/a Vitaly Y. Dzhenzherukha a/k/a Vitaliy Y. Dzhenzherukha a/k/a Vitaliy Y. Dzhenzheruka a/k/a Vitaly Gingeruha a/k/a Vitaly Y. Gingeruha a/k/a Vitaliy Y. Gingeruha a/k/a Vitaliy Y. Gingeruha (collectively, the "Defendants"), Legal Notice, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Superior Court Department of the Trial Court, County of Suffolk, Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108, Docket Number 2084CVO 1450. To the above-named Defendants, you are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Michael A. Wirtz, Esq., Jack Mikles & Associates, LLP**, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is **1 Batterymarch Park, Suite 309, Quincy, MA 02169-7454**, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you.
This must be done within twenty (20) days of **12/1/20**. If you fail to do so, Judgment by default will be taken**

against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Suffolk Superior Court either before service upon Plaintiffs attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.
Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiffs claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.
Witness, Hon. Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court at Boston the 17th day of November, 2020.
The Court
Robert L Ullmann, J.
Dated 11/17/20
11/26/2020
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD19P1277PM
In the matter of:
Donald Field
of Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final** account(s) of Eileen Sullivan-Boss, Esq. of West Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.
You have the right to object to the account(s). If**

you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/07/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 09, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
11/26/2020



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